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No. 88. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 26th January 1875, No. 52 :—

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(True Extracts.)

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No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1875, No. 255.

Communicated to the President of the Rajahmundry Municipality in continuation of G.O., dated 16th January 1875, No. 62.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Rajahmundry.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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Dated February, 5th.

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No. 52

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 26 *January* 1875.

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Sir Stevenson
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By the Revd T. Brunsdon Cole
Rajahmundry

Dear Sir
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